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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This letter is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002 and is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a).

Please amend the claims of the application as follows, without prejudice or disclaimer:

Cancel claims 22 to 25.

Add new claims 35 to 38 as follows:

35. (New) The interferon regulatory factor (IRF) protein according to claim 1 or 2, which is a chimera of a carboxy-terminal domain of the modified IRF and an amino-terminal domain of another IRF.

36. (New) The interferon regulatory factor (IRF) protein according to claim 35 wherein the amino-terminal domain of IRF-7 is fused to the carboxy-terminal domain of modified IRF-3.

37. (New) A nucleotide sequence which encodes the IRF protein according to claim 1.

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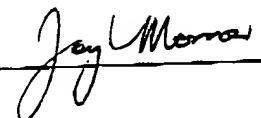
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